Drug trafficking on Indo-Burma border

2490. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the recent civil disturbances in Burma have increased the vulnerability of the border areas to drug trafficking; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the measures taken to control the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) and (b) While the possibility of increased vulnerability of the border areas to drug trafficking due to civil disturbances in Burma cannot be ruled out, Government have no reports on the same. However, all enforcement agencies operating on the Indo-Burma sector have already been alerted to thwart any attempt of drug trafficking across that border.

An Indian delegation, headed by the Minister of State for Finance (Revenue) visited Burma in July, 1988. In the talks with the Burmese authorities, the drug trafficking situation in both the countries and the counter-measures taken were re-reviewed with an emphasis for institutionalising the exchange of information between the law enforcement agencies of both the countries.

The matter is also kept under constant review for appropriate follow-up action.

2491. [*Transferred to the 5th December, 1988.*]

Use of Military forces to control riots etc.

2492. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many ties the military forces were used to control riots and other law and order problems in the country during the last four years; and

(b) what were its effects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) As a last resort to control riots and to maintain law and order, personnel of the Armed forces were used 167 times during the last four years (1984—87). As a result, law and order and peace was maintained in the affected areas.

Import of Poley-Baloon Catheters

2493. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI:

SHRI MIRZA IRSHADBAIG:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Poley-Baloon Catheterns are eligible for import as life saving equipments in terms of OGL Appendix-6, list 2 of ITC 88—91; and

(b) if so, under what heading and serial of the said list?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) and (b) The matter is under examination in consultation with the concerned technical authorities and information will be laid on the Table of the House.

Corruption amongst police personnel in Delhi

2494. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there is widespread corrup-